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OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

OF

CORNISH, N. H.,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1878.

CLAREMONT, N. H.

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L. S. To the inhabitants of the town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said town on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose a Representative, to represent this town in the General Court, to be held at Concord, on the first Wednesday of June next.
4. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and one County Commissioner.
5. To choose Selectmen and all other Town Officers.
6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.
7. To raise such sums of money, as may be necessary to make and repair Highways and Bridges, the ensuing year, and determine whether the same shall be paid in money or labor.
8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay existing claims against the town.
9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, for the purpose of fencing and preparing for use as a Cemetery, a suitable part of the common land, adjacent to the Cemetery, near the Episcopal church in said town, for the enlargement of the same.
10. To see if the town will vote to repair the Town House, and if so, determine what repairs to make, and see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of making said repairs.
11. To see if the town will vote to build one or more receiving Tombs, for the use of the town, locate the same, and raise money therefor.

12. To see if the town will vote to accept the gift of the Revolutionary papers of the late General Jonathan Chase, deceased, belonging to the heirs of David H. Chase, deceased, upon condition that the town shall cause the same to be properly bound, and to be deposited with the N. H. Historical society, for safe keeping and to remain forever the property of the said town of Cornish.

13. To see what disposition the town will vote to make of the money raised from the tax on dogs for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, should there be any remaining in the Treasury of the town unappropriated on the second Tuesday of March next.

14. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a Liquor Agent the ensuing year.

15. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers, heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February 1878.

NORMAN A. DEMING, } *Selectmen*
EDWARD O. DAY. } *of Cornish.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen of the Town of Cornish,

For the year ending March 1, 1878.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law and by vote of the town to be paid in money was as follows.

For State tax,	\$1,340 00
For County tax,	1,431 88
To defray town charges,	1,600 00
To pay existing claims against the town,	1,000 00
For sup't of schools, required by law,	1,172 50
Special school tax, Dis. No. 12,	25 00
School House tax, " 3,	12 00
" " " 10,	50 00
" " " 11,	60 00
Percentage (about $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent),	288 72
Dog tax,	89 00
Non Resident highway tax,	94 71
	<hr/> \$7,163 81

The Selectmen have received and paid into the Treasury the following additional sums.

Of the County, for the support of county paupers,	\$92 33
Of the trustee of the Foss fund, for the support of the poor,	112 80
Of the state treasurer, Savings bank tax, 1877,	502 88
Of the state treas'r railroad tax, 1877,	129 86
" " int. on Literary fund,	82 48
New order drawn for bal. old order, No. 189, Jan. 1, 1873, and old order, No. 17, May 30, 1874,	470 87
New order drawn for bal. old order No. 195, Feb. 28, 1865,	1,200 00

Of the county, for the support of County Paupers,	128 01	
New order, drawn for bal. old order No. 193, Jan. 1, 1876,	800 00	
New order drawn for old order No. 52, Aug. 30, 1862,	100 00	
Of James M. Davidson, guardian of Merrill Coburn, money refunded town of Cornish,	145 00	\$ 3,764 23

Total amount of Receipts, \$ 10,928 04

We have drawn orders on the Treasurer, as follows:

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, Wm. E. Chadburn,	\$ 146 04	
" 2, Elijah D. Austin,	95 70	
" 3, Alfred Chadborn,	74 23	
" 4, Henry Walker,	53 17	
" 5, D. P. Deming,	68 47	
" 6, Daniel E. Carroll, Jr.,	199 23	
" 7, Edwin H. Smith,	113 72	
" 8, Edwin O. Goward,	130 49	
" 9, Henry Tasker,	65 23	
" 10, Charles E. Jackson,	84 20	
" 11, Chase S. Smith,	92 15	
" 12, Orra A. Kelley,	20 05	
" 13, Samuel R. Chase,	71 16	
" 15, John Conlin,	17 37	
" 16, Elias S. Leavitt,	55 82	
" 1, Plainfield, J. W. Peterson,	3 36	
" 14, Claremont, E. T. Ayers,	8 13	
		<hr/> \$ 1,298 52

FOR SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Catherine Chase,	\$103 93	
David Marcotte,	27 66	
George Stone,	4 00	
Helen Blair,	10 69	
William Stickney,	57 07	
A. B. Waterman,	23 50	
		<hr/> \$ 226 85

FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Francis Goward, two years, ending		
May 5th, 1878,	\$ 140	59
Aid furnished Tramps,	19 75	\$ 160 34

FOR PLANK, TIMBER AND STONE.

Allen P. Messer,	\$ 21	16	
Elzi W. Westgate,	3	00	
George W. Sargent,	24	00	
James F. Tasker,	22	64	
James F. Tasker,	6	89	
George W. Sargent,	32	86	
Charles W. Comings,	10	32	
George E. Bugbee,	7	33	
Auren Johnson,	3	25	
Chester Pike,	14	24	
Edwin T. Ayers,	7	02	
Harrison Leslie,	2	00	
Lyman Bartlett,	10	63	
William W. Poole,	9	06	
Abel W. Fairbanks,	10	92	
Jonathan C. Whittaker,	11	16	
William E. Deming,	4	32	
Freeman A. Johnson,		75	
E. O. & H. M. Day,	50	23	
Solon C. Lear,	7	20	
Orra A. Kelley,		90	
Orville B. Williams,	4	00	
Elijah D. Austin,	6	00	
John Conlin,	2	77	
George B. Walker,	1	26	
Martin L. Walker,	3	56	
George D. Kenyon,	1	50	
William P. Johnson,	3	00	
Frank L. Johnson,	7	00	
George W. Sargent,	10	36	
Dana N. Morgan,	6	92	
Orville B. Williams,	2	95	
Darwin Spaulding,	2	10	
Edward Bryant,	1	50	
Benjamin K. Chase,	4	66	
Hiram P. Raymond,	2 50	\$ 319 96	

FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

William W. Poole,	\$ 3 00
James F. Tasker, repairing Mill bridge,	28 00
Solon C. Lear, repairing bridge in borough,	48 75
James F. Tasker, repairing Davis bridge,	100 00
Abel W. Fairbanks,	8 00
James F. Tasker, building new covered bridge 84½ feet long, stone abutments, and back wall at each end,	528 12
J. F. Tasker, repairing Mercer bridge,	40 00
George E. Bugbee,	9 25
Chester Pike,	10 75
Edwin T. Ayres,	4 45
Harrison Leslie,	3 00
Orra A. Kelley,	10 00
William D. Lear,	1 44
Lyman Bartlett,	6 00
Henry Walker,	6 00
William W. Poole,	10 00
Abel W. Fairbanks,	20 00
Norman E. Hebard,	7 00
Henry Fairbanks,	1 00
Joseph L. Lamberton,	1 25
Freeman A. Johnson,	2 50
James Sanderson, building 17 feet new covered bridge, near Eggleston's shop,	77 70
Orville B. Williams,	4 75
Charles Gilkey,	15 49
George W. Sargent,	2 00
Orville B. Williams,	1 25
Benjamin F. Bugbee,	3 79
Lemuel Martindale,	8 00
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\$ 961 49	

FOR BREAKING ROADS, 1876.

Solon C. Lear,	\$2 50
Joseph L. Lamberton,	2 00
William W. Poole,	37 44
Allen P. Messer,	4 40
John B. Stearns,	4 00

Leonard D. Spaulding,	5 00	
John Mercer,	3 00	
William D. Paget,	1 37	
		<hr/> \$ 59 71

1877.

Horace B. Wright,	6 00	
Moody Hook,	2 25	
Henry H. Fairbanks,	1 25	
William W. Poole,	8 00	
Wilbur F. Howard,	1 80	
Alfred Smith,	1 85	
Abel W. Fairbanks,	5 00	
Chauncey P. Jenney,	3 89	
Hiram P. Raymond,	4 12	
Edwin N. Wyman,	1 80	
C. C. Forehand,	2 00	\$ 37 96
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Total for breaking roads,		\$ 97 67

FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Claremont Man'f'g Co., printing town reports,	\$ 28 00
Oliver Russ, damage on highway,	1 50
Allen P. Messer, watering trough, 1876,	2 00
Norman A. Deming, blank books and stationery,	11 75
Hiram Burpee, over tax, 1876,	1 53
E. L. Cushing, attorney fees, Co. pauper case,	15 00
E. L. Cushing, retainer, 1877,	15 00
C. W. Tolles, recording deaths,	50
Chas. E. Jackson, school house tax, Dis. No. 10,	50 00
J. C. Fletcher, entertainment of selectmen, and aud'rs,	8 74
Henry M. Day, footing inventory and making taxes,	13 00
R. M. Weston, dam. to horse and wagon on highway,	15 00
Claremont M'f'g Co., printing collector's notices,	2 25
Estate of Seth Johnson, over tax,	7 35
County treasurer Co. tax,	1,431 88
C. Doty, damage to carriage and goods on highway,	23 75
Chester Pike, pass through land,	7 00
Estate of D. H. Hilliard, watering trough,	3 00
Stephen A. Tracy, school house tax, Dis. No. 3,	12 00
George D. Kenyon, " " " 11,	60 00

Amount carried forward, \$ 1,709 25

Amount brought forward,	\$1,709 25
Orra A. Kelley, special school tax, Dis. No. 12,	\$ 25 00
Wm. D. Lear, watering trough,	3 00
Edwin H. Smith, gravel for highway,	2 00
Nathaniel Dame, over tax,	20
Abel W. Fairbanks, watering trough,	3 00
State treasurer, state tax,	1,340 00
Mrs. Newton Jackson, stone for bridge,	2 50
Edwin H. Smith, watering trough,	1 00
School fund, for old order No. 16, May 30, 1874, and balance old order, No. 189, Jan. 1, 1873,	470 87
Charles Fletcher, over tax,	1 52
Estate Noah P. White, watering trough,	1 00
Solon C. Lear, " "	1 50
Dr. Geo. W. Hunt, expenses of inquisition of Merrill Coburn,	5 00
Edward O. Day, selectman, services, 1876,	3 75
Norman A. Deming, " "	3 75
Ed. O. Day, for bal. of old or. No. 195, Feb. 28, '65, 1,200	00
John Q. York, watering trough,	2 00
Edw'd O. Day, for bal. of old or. No. 163, Jan. 1, '76, 800	00
James M. Davidson, services as trustee of Foss fund,	6 00
Elijah D. Austin, watering trough,	1 00
Larnard Powers, gravel for highway,	5 00
Wm. C. Hart, selectman's services, 1876,	12 00
Samuel R. Chase, damage to wagon on highway,	3 00
Wm. Balloch, taking affidavits,	1 50
Claremont M'f'g Co., printing check lists,	9 50
M. A. Brady, watering trough,	3 00
M. A. Brady, entertainment of selectmen,	5 10
James M. Davidson, non resident highway tax, paid in labor,	41 79
James S. Hunter, abatement of tax, 1876,	14 96
John H. Mercer, " " "	12 15
Horace L. Boyd, over tax, 1876,	1 53
Thomas Keating, " "	1 00
Philena A. Cole, for old order, No. 52, Aug. 30, 1862, 100	00
Charles Tyler, watering trough,	2 00
Orlando Powers, services as auditor, 1876,	3 00
Stephen A. Tracy, " " "	3 00

Amount carried forward,

\$ 5,800 87

Amount brought forward,	\$ 5,800 87
Albert Weld, services with hearse,	30 00
William H. Harlow, watering trough,	2 00
Benjamin F. Bugbee, use of scraper,	1 75
T. A. Gleason, notifying jurors,	5 64
Fred C. Jenney, over tax,	1 23
Jareffe Wilder, "	1 27
George H. Ayers, "	1 00
Joseph Dunsmore, "	1 23
Wm. B. Hildreth, "	1 27
George A. Truell, "	1 23
Wm. H. Withey, abatement of tax,	1 23
Sarah D. Chase, "	1 38
Judith Carter, "	1 23
Estate of Ebenezer Mitchell, abatement of tax,	1 84
Serena Huggins, " "	67
James M. Davidson, Justice services,	1 00
Seth R. Cole, cleaning town house,	5 00
Elmer C. Barrows, entertainment of selectmen,	17 95
Norman A. Deming, bounties on foxes and hawks,	3 30
Norman A. Deming, postage and stationery,	2 25
Dr. Geo. W. Hunt, recording births and deaths,	4 00
Norman A. Deming, expenses going to Newport, Claremont, and Charlestown, twice each,	8 70
Edward O. Day, expenses going to Lebanon and Windsor,	3 25
Norman A. Deming, entertainment of selectmen,	10 00
Total for incidental expenses,	<hr/> \$ 5,909 29

FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Wm. D. Lear,	\$ 3 50
Wm. W. Poole,	2 00
Freeman A. Johnson,	2 00
Daniel Bartlett,	4 00
Martin L. Walker,	8 50
George D. Kenyon,	2 00
George Jackson,	2 00
Orra A. Kelley,	7 00
Chester Pike,	12 00
John H. Mercer,	2 00
Stephen B. Deming,	10 00

Henry E. Rich,	\$ 4 00
Moody Hook,	5 00
Lemuel Martindale,	3 00
H. G. P. Cross,	5 00
Arthur P. Thrasher,	4 00
Lewis Knight,	6 00
James F. Tasker,	4 00
Samuel Putnam,	13 75
	<hr/> \$ 99 75

For Abatement of Taxes asked for by James M.
Davidson, collector, on Tax book of 1876.

Abel Perkins,	\$ 3 26
Albert O. Davis,	1 53
Samuel Emery,	3 17
James L. W. Thayer,	1 99
Rhoda Spaulding,	1 84
	<hr/> \$ 11 79

FOR TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

James T. Jackson, as superintending school committee,	\$ 50 00
T. A. Gleason, town clerk,	30 00
T. A. Gleason, treasurer,	20 00
Hiram A. Day, treasurer,	15 00
James M. Davidson, collector,	80 00
Orville B. Williams, selectman,	52 50
Edward O. Day, "	84 75
Norman A. Deming,	98 25
	<hr/> \$ 430 50

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,	\$ 10,928 04
Amount of orders drawn.	
For support of Schools,	\$1,298 52
For support of County paupers,	226 85
For support of Town Paupers,	160 34
Plank and Timber,	319 96
Labor on highways and bridges,	961 49
Breaking roads, 1876,	59 71
" 1877,	37 96
Incidental expenses,	5,909 29

Sheep killed by dogs,	\$ 99 75	
Abatement of taxes asked for by James M. Davidson on tax book for 1876,	11 79	
Town Officers' services,	430 50	9,516 16
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Leaving a balance of		\$ 1,411 88

ORDERS OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE TOWN.

1869, Jan. 2.	No. 85.	Wm. Balloch, bal. due,	\$ 900 00
1872, Oct. 1.	No. 90.	Almeda Jackson, "	118 95
1872, Dec. 4.	No. 150.	Forest Freeman, "	150 00
1873, Aug. 16.	No. 49.	Elizabeth Blood, (over- looked in report of 1877)	300 00
1875, Apr. 13.	No. 6.	Sarah W. Westgate,	200 00
" July 3.	41.	Daniel G. Deming,	300 00
1876, Dec. 30.	111.	Joseph B. Comings,	850 00
1877, Nov. 24.	82.	William D. Lear,	3 50
" "	90.	William W. Poole,	2 00
" "	105.	Freeman A. Johnson,	2 00
" Dec. 29.	114.	School Fund,	470 87
1878, Jan. 3.	129.	Edward O. Day,	1,200 00
Feb. 2.	139.	Edward O. Day,	800 00
" 23.	148.	Daniel Bartlett,	4 00
" "	149.	Samuel Putnam,	13 75
" "	152.	Martin L. Walker,	8 50
" 26.	171.	George D. Kenyon,	2 00
" "	172.	George Jackson,	2 00
" "	177.	Orra A. Kelley,	7 00
" "	184.	Philena A. Cole,	100 00
" "	185.	Chester Pike,	12 00
" "	188.	John H. Mercer,	2 00
" "	191.	Stephen B. Deming,	10 00
" "	193.	Charles Tyler,	2 00
" "	197.	Henry E. Rich,	4 00
" "	203.	Moody Hook,	5 00
" 27.	224.	William W. Poole,	8 00
" "	227.	Lemuel Martindale,	3 00
" "	228.	Lemuel Martindale,	8 00
" "	231.	H. G. P. Cross,	5 00
" "	238.	Elmer C. Barrows,	17 95
" "	239.	Edward O. Day,	15 00

1878, Feb. 28,	243.	Arthur P. Thrasher,	\$ 4 00
" "	244.	Lewis Knight,	6 00
" "	245.	James F. Tasker,	4 00
" "	246.	Norman A. Deming,	8 70
" "	249.	Norman A. Deming,	98 25
" "	250.	Edward O. Day,	84 75

\$ 5,732 22

Interest on outstanding orders, 77 53

**THE LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN ARE AS
FOLLOWS.**

Due on orders outstanding,	\$ 5,732 22
Accrued interest on orders outstanding,	77 53
Due to School Dis. No. 14,	330 96

Total liabilities against the town, \$ 6,140 71

**THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE AS
FOLLOWS.**

Jonas Hastings' note and interest due	
March 1, 1878,	\$ 2,379 48
Freeman A. Johnson's note and int.	1,035 00
John L. Paget, note and interest,	35 94
Ethan Walker, " "	21 64
Auction bill against Charles Tyler,	8 75
Liquor and casks in agent's hands,	
as per report of 1877,	220 00
Taxes not col. by J. M. Davidson 1876,	23 63
" " " " 1877,	825 11
Cash in Treasurers' hands,	122 53
	<hr/> \$ 4,672 08
Amount of debt less assets,	\$ 1,468 63
Amount of debt less assets reported	
Mar. 1, 1877,	\$ 2,407 51
Add amount of order to Mrs. Blood	
overlooked and not reckoned the	
past two years,	300 00
Total am't of debt less as'ts Mar. 1, '77,	<hr/> \$ 2,707 51
Amount of debt less as'ts Mar. 1, '78,	\$ 1,468 63
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Decrease of debt since March 1, 1877,	\$ 1,238 88

The Selectmen respectfully recommend the town to raise for the ensuing year in addition to the amount required by law, the following sums:

To defray town charges,	\$ 1,600 00
To pay existing claims against the town,	1,000 00
For highways and bridges,	1,800 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NORMAN A. DEMING,	} Selectmen of Cornish.
EDWARD O. DAY,	
ORVILLE B. WILLIAMS,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Town of Cornish in account with T. A. Gleason, Treas.
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1877, Mar. 1. By amount on hand as follows, viz :

Bal. principal Jonas Hastings' note,	\$1,945 13	
" " F. A. Johnson's note,	1,000 00	
" " John L. Paget's note,	29 00	
Auction bills,	23 59	
Cash,	546 40	\$ 3,544 12
Received of Ethan Walker, interest on auction bill, put into note,	5 85	
Rec. of J. M. Davidson, Col. Taxes, 1876,	925 49	
" " Int. on " "	30 06	
Rec. of Jonas Hastings, int. on note,	300 00	
" Interest on School Fund,	14 00	
" F. A. Johnson, interest on note,	30 00	
" J. M. Davidson, col., taxes, 1877,	2,404 00	3,709 40
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		\$ 7,253 52

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To paid principal on new orders,	\$ 2,597 37
" " old "	531 52
" interest on " "	63 00
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	\$ 3,191 89

Bal. on hand as follows viz :

Bal. principal Jonas Hastings' note,	\$1,945 13
" F. A. Johnson's "	1,000 00
" John L. Paget's "	29 00
" Ethan Walker's "	19 79

Auction bill, Chas. Tyler,	\$	8 75	
Cash,		1,058 96	
		<hr/>	4,061 63
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			\$ 7,253 52

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of funds in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 470 87
Which is respectfully submitted,	
Cornish, N. H., Oct. 15, 1877.	
T. A. GLEASON, Treas.	

H. A. DAY'S REPORT, as Treasurer.

1877. RECEIPTS.

Oct. 15. Amount received of T. A. Gleason, former treas., as follows, viz.,	
J. Hastings, note bal. prin.,	\$ 1,945 13
F. A. Johnson's, "	1,000 00
John L. Peget's, "	29 00
Ethan Walker's, "	19 79
Auction bill, Chas. Tyler,	8 75
Cash,	1,058 96
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	\$ 4,061 63
Oct. 20. Received of selectmen, county pauper money,	\$ 92 33
Received of selectmen, interest on Foss fund for sup. of the poor,	112 80
Dec. 4. Rec'd of selectmen, sav. bank tax, 1877,	502 88
Rec. of selectmen, railroad tax, 1877,	82 48
Rec. of selectmen, int. on lit. fund, 1877,	129 86
29. Rec'd int. on school fund, 1877,	11 53
Rec. of selectmen, new order drawn for old orders,	470 87
1878.	
Jan. 3. Rec. of selectmen, new order drawn for old order,	1,200 00

Jau. 29.	Rec. of selectmen, county pauper money,	\$ 128 01	
Feb. 2,	Rec. of selectmen, new order drawn for old order,	800 00	
5.	Rec. interest on school fund,	2 82	
14.	" int. on note and int. on int.	31 27	
26.	" selectmen, new order drawn for old order,	100 00	
28.	" of selectmen, money refunded town of Cornish, by guard. of Merrill Coburn,	145 00	
28.	Rec. of James M. Davidson, collector, taxes, 1876,	174 18	
	Rec. of James M. Davidson, collector, taxes, 1877,	3,934 70	
	Rec. of James M. Davidson, colec., int. on taxes, 1876,	12 98	
	Rec. of James M. Davidson, colec'r, int. on taxes, 1877,	18 01	7,949 72
Total Receipts,			<u>\$ 12,011 35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid as principal on new orders,	\$ 4,005 52	
" old	1,905 40	
interest "	401 54	
" new	2 82	
Old orders paid by new orders,	2,570 87	
		<u>\$ 8,886 15</u>

Bal. in Treasurer's hands as follows :

Bal. prin. J. Hastings' note,	\$ 1,945 13	
Bal. prin. John E. Paget's note,	29 00	
Principal, Ethan Walker's note,	19 79	
Principal, Freeman A. Johnson's note,	1,000 00	
Auction bill, Chas. Tyler,	8 75	
Cash,	122 53	3,125 20
		<u>\$ 12,011 35</u>

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of funds in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 470 87
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DOG FUND.

Bal. in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1877,	\$ 25 00
Rec. of James M. Davidson, collector, taxes assessed on dogs,	89 00
	<hr/> \$ 114 00
Orders drawn for damage done by dogs,	\$ 99 75
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Balance in treasury,	\$ 14 25
Which is respectfully submitted,	
HIRAM A. DAY, Treasurer.	

JACOB FOSS LEGACY, TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

Sept. 14, 1866, received of the executors of the will of Jabob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased.	\$ 2,820.00
Received the interest on said legacy for the year ending, Sept. 14, 1877,	169.20
Paid to the Selectmen of Cornish to be appropri- ated for the support of the poor of said town, as per receipt,	112.80
Balance of interest to be expended putting up flags	56.40
Amount not expended as per report, 1877	8.53
Making to be appropriated for flags,	<hr/> \$ 64.93
Expended as follows :	
Paid for two flag ropes,	4.53
July 2, 1877. Paid C. H. Deming for put- ting rope on flag pole,	5.00
Paid for caption and cover,	2.25
Paid for repairing flag,	.50
Sept. 3. Paid J. F. Tasker for flag pole and putting up the same,	30.00
Paid R. M. Yale of Boston, for flag and ex- pense of getting flag, as per receipt,	36.00
Personal services,	5.00
	<hr/> \$ 83.28
Overpaid,	\$ 18.35
Which is respectfully submitted,	
J. M. DAVIDSON, Trustee.	

We certify that we have examined the statements by the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Trustee of Foss fund and we find them in all cases correctly cast and properly vouched, and that we believe the statement of assets and liabilities of the town is made in good faith and is essentially correct.

ORLANDO POWERS, }
STEPHEN A. TRACY, } *Auditors.*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee of Cornish.

CITIZENS:

Your Superintendent respectfully submit to you his third annual Report upon the condition and progress of education in our public schools.

There have been 31 terms taught in 15 districts. The number of different scholars is 289. Twenty teachers have been employed; 18 females, and 2 males. Three, only, were beginners. Eleven are residents of Cornish. We have retained the services of 11 who taught in town last year—3 going to their old schools. The whole amount of school funds is \$ 1327.20 Average expense per scholar \$ 4.55.

The appended statistical table gives the names of the Prudential Committee and Teachers—the length of terms in weeks, the whole and average attendance in terms, the amount of money received in the districts, the wages of the teachers per month, including board, number of visitors, visits of Superintendent, and the number of different scholars attending in the districts during the school year. Other particulars may be mentioned, as follows:

No. 1. ("BALLOCH'S.") The three terms were taught by Miss ANGIE E. WELD. She discharged her duties with fidelity to herself, and to those under her instruction. The *order* was good; her scholars knew what it was to walk on a line; that was right. Lessons were well learned and well understood. Hence we can report a perceptible advance during each term.

No. 2. ("ABOVE THE BRIDGE.") Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss MARY A. COIL. She seemed interested in the progress of her pupils, but in methods uncertain. I think an increase of *courage* and *perseverance* would have aided her in realizing her expectations. These terms were to a good degree satisfactory.

Winter term was taught by Mr. T. A. GOOTEY. He was a ripe scholar, and a graduate from Woodstock Academy, Vt. Services rendered there as assistant teacher, and fifteen months' experience in common school teaching richly qualified him for his winter's work. He was a *vigorous thinker*, original and *clear* in questions, fresh and *concise* in answers. This school made great progress. They understood what they recited. No one questioned his authority, but obeyed at once. Positive discipline makes it easy for teacher and scholar.

No. 3. ("STEPHEN A. TRACY'S.") Both terms were taught by Miss HATTIE J. HILDRETH. Miss H. has taught here four successive terms. She is earnest and persevering in her *efforts*. We always find mutual good feeling between her and pupils. There has been great advance. Parents second the labors of the teacher, and scholars go to school to learn. The closing examinations were *lively*. There were 41 compositions written and read during the term—also, 103 declamations.

No. 4. ("DINGLETON.") Both terms were taught by Miss HANNAH T. DEMING. Miss D. has taught 46½ months. Her experience and *positiveness* help her much in school work. Her scholars obey and study. Singing was successfully practised. It is pleasant to note good improvement. The classes in Geography and Arithmetic did remarkably well.

No. 5. ("FREEMAN HUGGINS'.") The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss LIZZIE S. BALCH. Miss B.'s literary qualifications are excellent. She was thorough and *accurate* in her instruction. The order was fair; scholars cheerful and attentive. It was pleasant to enjoy the closing examination with so many of the citizens, both terms.

No. 6. ("THE FLAT.") Miss S. A. BRYANT and Miss MARY R. TYLER, teachers.

Miss B. has had a long and successful experience in teaching. She has taught in this district five terms. This school made fair improvement in the different branches. At the closing examination there were dialogues, declamations and singing, which added to the interest of the occasion. A goodly number of friends were present, and the afternoon was one of interest to all.

Winter term.—Miss T. has taught several terms before. Her literary attainments are of fair order. Visiting her school, one

would at once be impressed by her *working habits*. The average attendance this term was *ten more* than either of the two preceding winter terms. She gave her time and strength unreservedly to her pupils. She said, "*I have done the best I could.*" There was a partial failure in discipline, some scholars being uneasy and restless. But there was a good proficiency made in Arithmetic, Geography and spelling.

No. 7. ("THE CENTER.") Both terms were under the charge of Mrs. HATTIE A. HARRINGTON. There has been a steady and perceptible advance, in all branches, from the beginning to the close of this year,—as last. Mrs. H. has a happy faculty of winning the confidence and affection of her scholars. The children are very fond of their teacher. These have been two prosperous years for the Center School.

No. 8. ("GOWARD.") Miss NELLIE E. MORGAN and GEO. L. DEMING, teachers. They are teachers of culture—clear, strong and sound thinkers—systematic in method, and frequent in review. The classes were carefully trained. Teachers and scholars merit praise.

No. 9. ("TOWN HOUSE") Miss LIZZIE V. CLARK and Miss LUELLA F. SMITH, teachers.

Miss C. emphasized in this school her former reputation. Parents and scholars were satisfied.

Miss S. is a superior scholar. All the classes made good progress under her instruction. She prepared daily a *brief outline* of lessons, which she used frequently in reviews. By this method she was able to ask many important questions in a few minutes. Such outlines are the necessary aids of teachers who would enforce facts upon the scholars' minds. There was some failure in discipline.

No. 10. ("EDMINSTER") This school was under the charge of Miss Jennie L. Jackson, both terms.

Her literary attainments are excellent, and she succeeded well in her district.

Seldom do we see teacher and scholars work more vigorously and harmoniously together. Order was good. Improvement, very good.

No. 11. ("THE CITY.") Both terms of this school were taught by Miss C. F. SMITH, an excellent scholar, and *sound thinker*. This

school was carried *straight forward* in scholarship and order. Here I saw the workings of a brief *outline* of lessons.

These outlines make *ready* and *thorough* teacher and scholars.

No. 12. ("POPPYSQUASH.") Both terms were taught by Miss Abbie L. Clark. Her best endeavors were put forth, and good order and good progress with the warm affections of her pupils, were her reward.

The three years past, this district has raised a special tax of twenty-five dollars, annually, to lengthen the school.

No. 13. ("NORMAN A. DEMING'S.") Both terms were taught by Miss ORIETTA E. BURT. She was a beginner, possessing rare *energy* and perseverance. At once, she won the esteem and confidence of her school, by her fidelity and *working habits*. These scholars learned well what they passed over. This was a *fine school*.

No. 15. ("JOHN M. ROOT'S.") Here Miss LILLIAN E. YORK taught her first term. The order was good.—Teacher and scholars busy. Fair progress.

No. 16. ("Texas.") Miss EMILY LEAVITT, and Miss REBECCA L. BRYANT, Teachers.

Miss L. is a *model teacher*. She teaches *by topics*, scarcely using a *text book*. Nothing is passed over until understood. She makes *practical* scholars.

This was Miss B.'s first term. She gives evidence of ability to teach. The closing examination was *highly satisfactory*.

PROGRESS.

Our schools the past year, usually, have been good, some *very good*. Most of our teachers have had considerable experience, and realized the responsibility resting upon them in shaping the character of youth. Generally, there has been a desire on the part of *scholars* to raise the standard of our schools. Usually, parents have done much by encouraging words and by visiting the schools. The common branches have been carefully taught. Many of the schools have been lengthened by giving the board.

SUGGESTIONS TO PARENTS.

Be wise in selecting your Prudential Committees. They disburse your *funds*, hire the teacher and make repairs. Help your

teachers by kind words and acts. See that your children go the first day and go *regularly*.

Review with them, their studies—you will learn something—your children *much more*.

Be slow to find fault with your Teacher—School troubles too often have their sources in the homes.

Let us labor to build up, never to destroy, a healthy school influence.

COUNSEL FOR TEACHERS.

The teachers position is a responsible one. Hence prepare by attending our best Academies. Get a thorough knowledge of the branches taught. Put into your work, soul and body. Be positive, doubting nothing you attempt. Be sure you understand what you would explain. Study the lessons of your scholars before you hear them recite.

Your Superintendent returns thank to teachers, scholars and parents for their kindness and favors, the past year.

Respectfully submitted, March 5, 1878.

JAMES T. JACKSON,

Supt. School Committee.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following have attended school one or more whole terms without marks of absence. Those names marked with a * have not been absent more than one day.

Dis. No. 1. Angie L. Chadborn, Gracie S. Chadborn, Emma E. Chadborn, Luther E. Chadborn, Frank C. Harris, Fred N. Weld, 3 terms; Hallie S. Putnam, 2 terms; Winfield Dunsmore, 1 term; Hallie S. Putnam, * 1 term.

Dis. No. 2. Lizzie M. Chase, Grace A. Withy, Mattie E. Westgate, Robert A. Austin, George D. Austin, 2 terms; Henry D. Austin, Fred A. Buckman, 1 term. A. De Witt Austin, * 1 term.

Dis. No. 3. Lizzie S. Chadborn, Emily N. Tracy, Katie D. Read, Bertie A. Chadborn, 2 terms; Ida M. Wilder, Hattie S. Read, Evelyn A. Tracy, John W. Flint, Edmund B. Chadborn, Robert D. Chadborn, Alfred B. Chadborn, 1 term; Rodert D. Chadborn, * Henry H. Mercer, * Erwin E. Williams, * Evelyn A. Tracy, * Bertha G. Wilder, * 1 term.

Dis. No. 4. Ada E. Bartlett, Minnie S. Wood, Willis C. Fitch, Bertie A. Wood, Truman R. Walker, Henry Dana, 1 term; Minnie S. Wood,* Eddie H. Knight,* Frank S. Dana,* Elmer C. Fitch,* 1 term.

Dis. No. 5. Arbella A. Johnson, Nellie J. Johnson, Stella E. Case, Willie F. Case, Robert Burt Cole, 2 terms; Ella J. Huggins, Nellie A. Case,* Convers Quimby, Elmer S. Cole, Arthur F. Wilson, Albert Quimby, Clarence C. Walker, Robert W. Walker, 1 term.

Dis. No. 6. Eva Rawson, Ines M. Sherburne, Fred F. Rich, 2 terms; Mabel L. Comings, Bell L. Lucas, Nellie Weld, Nellie Small, Jennie Small, Anna A. Rich, Daniel D. Bryant, Eddie Gleason, Eddie B. Hunt, George W. Hunt, Clayton J. Richardson, Charlie Small, Albert Saunderson, Eugene J. Saunderson, Harry Tyler, Clyde Rawson, 1 term; Albert Butman,* Freddie Saunderson,* Clyde Rawson,* Charlie Gleason,* 1 term.

Dis. No. 7. Annie E. Harrington, Lena S. Cole, James A. Wellman, 2 terms; Adeline G. Whitaker, Louise C. Wellman, John E. Jackson, 1 term.

Dis. No. 8. Charles S. Goward, Nora M. Mace, 2 terms; Charlie H. Weld, Minnie L. Goward, 1 term; Amos S. Chase,* Fred H. Butman,* Nellie S. Richardson,* Eddie B. Johnson, 1 term.

Dis. No. 9. Minnie L. Tasker, Eddie L. Smith, Robert J. Tasker, 1 term; Minnie L. Tasker,* Robert J. Tasker,* 1 term.

Dis. No. 10. Alice O. Fairbanks, Anna I. Lear, Mattie H. Williams, Sybil G. Lear, Ada M. Weld, Bertie G. Bugbee, Charlie S. Lear, Chester A. Fairbanks, 2 terms; Perry Curtis, Fred H. Weld, Dan H. Weld, Lizzie M. Jackson, Hattie A. Weld, 1 term: Hattie A. Weld,* Perry Curtis,* Bertie G. Bugbee,* 1 term.

Dis. No. 11. Mattie A. Ellis, Emma L. Hilliard, Flora M. Hilliard, Herbert Bartlett, 2 terms; Emma D. Morgan, Clara B. Kenny, Carrie S. Morgan, Delia S. Morgan, Luette J. Morgan, Eddie E. Atwood, Freddie A. Jackson, Willie Sargent, 1 term; Emma D. Morgan,* Carrie A. Morgan,* Eddie E. Atwood,* Freddie A. Jackson,* 1 term.

Dis. No. 12. Eva M. Kelley, Lizzie M. Huntington, Lillian J. Kelley, Hattie M. Kelley, Flora A. Russ, 2 terms; Nellie Hunting-

ton, Eddie T. Wright, Charles A. Wright, 1 term; Flora A. Russ,* 1 term.

Dis. No. 13. Lizzie E. Stearns, Fred C. Sturtevant, Ida M. Stearns, 2 terms; Ida E. York, Addie M. York, Ella A. York, Or-
lan P. Fitch, Willie H. Fitch, Luman H. Hilliard, Jerome Hill-
iard, Harvey C. Deming, Arthur L. Fitch, 1 term; Ida M. Stearns,*
Harvey C. Deming,* Victor N. Deming,* Arthur L. Fitch,* 1 term.

Dis. No. 15. Katie Conlin, Martin Conlin,* George E. Root,
Patrick Conlin,* Willis Johnson,* 1 term.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Committee.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Term.	No. of weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Av. attendance.	Amount of School Money.	Wages includ- ing board per month.	No. of Visitors.	Visits of Supt.	No. of different Scholars.
1	Wm. E. Chadborn.....	Miss Angie E. Weld	1	10	9	8	\$146	\$ 19	8	2	14
		" "	2	7	12	11		19	7	1	
		" "	3	13	9	8		19	5	2	
2	E. D. Austin.....	Miss Mary A. Coil....	1	10	15	13	96	18	4	2	23
		" "	2	8	16	13		18	4	1	
		Mr. T. A. Gootey.....	3	10	17	13		30	6	2	
3	Alfred Chadborn.....	Miss H. J. Hildreth.	1	10	18	15	73	20	15	2	22
		" "	2	11	19	18		24	11	2	
4	Henry W. Walker..	Miss H. T. Deming..	1	10	10	9	53	20	6	2	12
		" "	2	12	12	11		20	4	2	
5	Rev. D. P. Deming...	Miss Lizzie S. Balch.	1	10	18	16	70	22	8	1	19
		" "	2	11	19	17		20	6	2	
6	Daniel E. Carroll, jr.	Miss S. A. Bryant....	1	10	34	30	199	30	26	2	54
		Miss Mary R. Tyler..	2	13	48	44		30	22	4	
7	Edwin H. Smith.....	Mrs. H.A.Harrington	1	9	12	11	114	20	15	2	17
		" "	2	12	17	15		21	19	2	
8	E. O. Goward.....	Miss N. E. Morgan...	1	12	13	11	130	21	9	2	21
		Mr. Geo. L. Deming..	2	12	18	17		24	8	2	
9	Henry H. Tasker.....	Miss Lizzie V. Clark	1	8	8	7	65	20	8	1	12
		Miss Luella F. Smith	2	11	13	12		22	10	2	
10	Charles E. Jackson...	Miss J. L. Jackson...	1	8	16	13	84	19	10	2	17
		" "	2	10	17	16		19	10	2	
11	C. S. Smith.....	Miss C. F. Smith.....	1	9	22	19	92	18	11	1	25
		" "	2	10	23	19		18	19	2	
12	Orra A. Kelley.....	Miss Abbie L. Clark.	1	8	8	7	20	16	10	1	8
		" "	2	13	8	7		16	12	2	
13	Samuel R. Chase.....	Miss Orietta E. Burt	1	10	20	16	71	18	6	1	21
		" "	2	12	21	20		18	8	2	
14	No School.....		0	00	00	00	29	00	00		
15	John Conlin.....	Miss L. E. York.....	1	6	7	6	17	12	4	1	7
16	E. S. Leavitt.....	Miss Emily Leavitt..	1	8	10	8	56	18	3	2	16
		Miss R. L. Bryant....	2	14	12	9		18	2	2	

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